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Miss Susan Oehl, Chairman  
Educational Affairs Committee  
Duke University  
Box KM, Duke Station  
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Miss Oehl:

I was sorry to have missed the visit of the committee of three students representing Duke University's Student Union Educational Affairs Committee, when the group came to my office while I was lecturing at the Army War College. Col. Grogan, who received the group in my absence, told me of the visit.

I am very much impressed by the program your committee has arranged, and I appreciate your invitation for me to address the student body during the 1961-62 academic year. As Col. Grogan told you, I make very few public addresses, generally restricting my speaking to the Services academies and governmental educational institutions.

Again thank you for your good letter of 21 June 1961, and the visit of your Educational Affairs Committee. I wish you a very successful year.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

June 21, 1961

Mr. Allen Dulles  
CIA, East Building  
2430 East Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Duke University Student Union's Educational Affairs Committee, on behalf of the student body and with the approval of the administration, invites you to present a major address at Duke University during the 1961-62 academic year. Representatives of the committee, who were in Washington the first week in June, were disappointed that you were at the Army War College, but Mr. Henry Hall Wilson was kind enough to arrange for us to see Colonel Grogan, and we trust he has extended our invitation to you.

Colonel Grogan was realistically discouraging because of your heavy schedule and kindly suggested many other good speakers. However, he did not diminish the enthusiasm we feel in inviting you as the first choice of the selection committee. We are aware, of course, that there are definite limits as to your freedom in speaking of world affairs, but your comments in general and the great esteem in which you are held would serve well our purpose of nourishing the already fertile field of student interest in and concern for our position in today's transitory world.

May we point out, too, that Durham is only an hour's air travel from Washington, so that only a minimum amount of time need be allocated for this trip. Of course, "Southern hospitality" is the rule, and we would want to have him stay with us as long as possible. Datewise, our program is flexible so that almost any date between October and April might be arranged--checking against our University Calendar to prevent any major conflicts.

Our committee, which is responsible for the major speakers series on campus is comprised of carefully selected students assisted by a group of faculty and staff that act in an advisory capacity. Speakers in the past two years have included President Kennedy, President Boland of the UN, Sir Hugh Gaitskell, Ambassador Stevenson, Sir Herbert Read, President Benjamin Mays of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, Malcolm Cowley, Dr. Ralph Lapp, Dr. Arthur Larson, and other distinguished personalities. As you can imagine this top bracket group has done much to broaden the world outlook of our student body.

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Mr. Allen Dulles

June 21, 1961

Our committee's financial budget includes coverage for our guest speaker's travel and hospitality, plus a token honorarium of \$200.00. The address is given in the largest University Auditorium and is usually followed by a question and answer period from the audience. Social events include a dinner prior to the address and an informal public reception following the question and answer session.

Gordon Livermore, a member of the committee who lives in Arlington, will drop in to your office later in the summer to see if he can be of any assistance in planning this trip.

With every good wish for the difficult tasks which confront you and our sincere hope that you can find time to come and speak to us, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Susan Oehl*

Susan Oehl, Chairman  
Educational Affairs Committee

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cc: Dr. Arthur Larson  
Mr. Henry Hall Wilson  
Mr. Gordon Livermore